tion, however, has been able to make alternative arrangements to supply dry fuel wood as per specifications to all the cremation grounds.

Vacancies in Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals

*99. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 5 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether all vacancies in Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts have been filled up by now; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) how many 'five year old' disputes are now pending before each Labour Court and Tribunal; and

(c) whether the newly sanctioned Labour Court has been set up; if so, when and how many disputes have since been transferred to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

The number of disputes pending disposal for more than five years as on 31-1-1987 in each Tribunal/Court is as under:—

(a) Central Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court, New Delhi.	19
(b) Industrial Tribunal No. I	5
(c) Industrial Tribunal No. II	66
(d) Industrial Tribunal No. III	—
(e) Labour Court No. I	—
(f) Labour Court No. II	127
(g) Labour Court No. III	20
(h) Labour Court No. IV	167
(i) Labour Court No. V	100
(j) Labour Court No. VI	60
(k) Labour Court No. VII	198

ITDC budget for advertising

@*100. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the yearwise budget of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) for advertising during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ITDC gets its advertising done through private agencies instead of getting it done through the Government agency, i.e., the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP); if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the yearwise break-up of the amount spent on advertising work through private agencies and Government agency during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) India Tourism Development Corporation gets its advertising work done through private agencies accredited by the DAVP.

@Previously Starred Question 4, transferred from the 24th February, 1987.

The yearwise budget of the ITDC for advertising and break-up of the amount spent during the last three years is as under:—

Rupees in lakhs

Year	Budget	Amount spent through private advertising agencies
1983-84	55·00	58·23
1984-85	56·00	45·24
1985-86	56·00	41·91

As per guidelines of the Bureau of Public Enterprises, ITDC is using only the services of private agencies accredited to the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity.

Consultative status with ECOSOC, a U.N. Body sought for by a Sikh organisation of Nairobi

675. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unknown Sikh organisation with Nairobi as its headquarters has sought consultative status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), a U.N. Body;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with U.N.; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Sikh Commonwealth World Wide (SCWW) has shifted its Headquarters to England from Kenya, where it was set up in 1975.

(b) Government had taken up the matter with the member-countries of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations and with the UN Secretariat.

(c) As a result of our efforts, and the support of all our friends, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations unanimously rejected the application. Government deeply appreciates the role of all member countries represented on the Committee.

Export of textiles to USSR

676. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity and value of textiles exported to USSR during the years 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987; and

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to increase the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A Statement is attached as Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A Statement is attached as Statement-II (*See* below).